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1. EDITORIAL CITED REF A WAS AN ARTICLE. FULL TEXT IS
AS FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE: ISLAMABAD, APRIL 20: A CAIRO JOURNAL,
"AL-SIASSI", COMMENTING ON THE POST-ELECTION DISTURBANCES,
HAS EXPRESSED APPREHENSION REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE
PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN. DEPRECATING THE OPPOSITION'S VIOLENT
STANCE, IT POSES THE QUESTION WHETHER THERE WERE " SOME
FORCES WHO ARE SECRETLY MOTIVATING THEM FROM BEHIND THE
SCENE".

3. THE WRITE-UP, TITLED " THE HIDDEN HAND BEHIND INCIDENTS
IN PAKISTAN," SAYS: THE MOST WELL-CONTESTED OF ALL ELECTIONS
HELD IN PAKISTAN ENDED WITH A VICTORY FOR THE PPP. IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS, THE SITUATION EXPLODED
AND PAKISTAN CITIES WITNESSED THE FIERCEST OF DISTURBANCES
SINCE MR. BHUTTO HAD TAKEN OVER OFFICE.

4. THE OPPOSITION HAS ACCUSED MR. BHUTTO'S GOVERNMENT OF
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MALPRACTICES IN THE ELECTIONS.

5. THE ELECTION RESULTS SHOWED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WON 154
SEATS, AND THE OPPOSITION WON 36. THIS WAS A STRONG PROOF
THAT THE ELECTIONS HELD WERE FAIR. HAD THE GOVERNMENT RIGGED
THE ELECTIONS, THE OPPOSITION WOULD CERTAINLY NOT HAVE WON
SO MANY SEATS.

6. MR. BHUTTO, IN THE VERY FIRST SPEECH HE DELIVERED AFTER THE LANDSLIDE VICTORY HIS PARTY ACHIEVED IN THE ELECTIONS, CALLED FOR AN OPEN AND SINCERE DIALOGUE WITH THE OPPOSITION IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PAKISTAN PEOPLE. HE PROPOSED THAT THE DIALOGUE MUST INCLUDE WAYS FOR ESTABLISHING FRUITFUL COOPERATING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION SO THAT IS THE PRESSING QUESTION THAT IS FACING NOW THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN. BUT INSTEAD OF RESPONDING TO THE CALL, THE OPPOSITION STARTED VIOLENCE.

7. THE QUESTION PUT NOW IN ISLAMABAD BY POLITICAL OBSERVERS IS THAT: ARE THE PRESENT INCIDENTS MERELY A STANCE TAKEN BY OPPOSITION ON THEIR OWN OR ARE THERE SOME FORCES WHO ARE SECRETLY MOTIVATING THEM FROM BEHIND THE SCENE?

8. TO THIS QUESTION, MR. BHUTTO HAS GIVEN A FIRM REPLY LAST WEEK WHEN HE REFERRED TO FORCES MOVING THE OPPOSITION IN ITS DRIVE TO TOPPLE HIS GOVERNMENT. THIS, AS MR. BHUTTO SAID, BEGAN SINCE NOVEMBER LAST, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN DECIDED TO IMPORT A NUCLEAR PLANT FROM FRANCE AFTER IT HAD FAILED TO GET IT FROM THE USA.

9. WINDS OF CHANGES ARE BLOWING OVER THE SOUTH ASIAN CONTINENT AFTER THE DEFEAT OF MRS. INDIRA GANDHI AND HERE PARTY WHO HAD REMAINED IN OFFICE FOR 11 YEARS. THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE SITUATION IN PAKISTAN. BUT WOULD IT SUCCEED? UNQUOTE

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